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L.D. 70
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3 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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5 **STATE OF MAINE**
6 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
7 **125TH LEGISLATURE**
8 **FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to H.P. 58, L.D. 70, Bill, "An Act To Include
10 Independent Practice Dental Hygienists in MaineCare"

11 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the
12 summary and inserting the following:

13 'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-QQ is enacted to read:

14 **§3174-QQ. Dental hygienist reimbursement**

15 **1. Reimbursement.** By April 1, 2012, the department shall provide for the
16 reimbursement under the MaineCare program of independent practice dental hygienists
17 practicing as authorized under Title 32, section 1094-I for all procedures performed under
18 Title 32, section 1094-Q, subsection 1. Reimbursement must be provided to independent
19 practice dental hygienists directly or to a federally qualified health center pursuant to
20 section 3174-V when an independent practice dental hygienist is employed as a core
21 provider at the center.

22 **2. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules
23 adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5,
24 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

25 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
26 allocations are made.

27 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)**

28 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

29 Initiative: Appropriates and allocates funds for the costs of MaineCare reimbursement for
30 services provided by dental hygienists practicing independently effective April 1, 2012.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 58, L.D. 70

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3	GENERAL FUND	2011-12	2012-13
4	All Other	\$54,320	\$271,601
5	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$54,320</u>	<u>\$271,601</u>
6	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2011-12	2012-13
7	All Other	\$93,570	\$467,852
8	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$93,570</u>	<u>\$467,852</u>
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SUMMARY

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This amendment removes the requirement that rules be adopted by April 1, 2012 and adds a provision to reimburse a federally qualified health center that employs an independent practice dental hygienist as a core provider.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 70

LR 604(02)

An Act To Include Independent Practice Dental Hygienists in MaineCare

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	Projections FY 2013-14	Projections FY 2014-15
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$54,320	\$271,601	\$488,882	\$651,843
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$54,320	\$271,601	\$488,882	\$651,843
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$93,570	\$467,852	\$842,134	\$1,122,845

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Provides an appropriation of \$54,320 in 2011-12 and \$271,601 in 2012-13 for the state share of the costs of MaineCare reimbursement for services provided by dental hygienists practicing independently effective April 1, 2012. Assumes initially five dental hygienists will provide services to an average of 15 MaineCare eligible children per week each at an estimated annual cost of \$316 per child per year, and that 50% of this utilization would replace existing services and 50% would reflect an increase in MaineCare dental hygienists services provided. Further assumes an additional five dental hygienists each year in subsequent years will provide services to MaineCare children.